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MISSION

The Association strives to protect and promote reproductive health of people and to provide and enable quality information, education, and communication and services for all, especially for those who are living in rural and mountainous areas.

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Target areas

Pyongyang

Phyongsong

Hyesan

Maengsan

Uiju

Hyangsan

Unnyul

Sinphyong

Thongchon

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Message from President



2019 was a year in which we struggled to implement the strategy for the promotion of people's reproductive health in the internal and external upheavals.

I am very pleased to mention that, amid the state's growing concern for and investment in women's health, we made some contributions to the improvement of public health in the country last year by raising social awareness of it and meeting the reproductive health needs of people.

It is also a source of our pride that the accreditation review was successfully proceeded and the true features of our superior socialist system were fully demonstrated externally thanks to the sincere efforts of all the volunteers and staff.

I'd like to extend my warm greetings to entire volunteers and staff, who have unsparingly devoted their wisdom and enthusiasm to take care of reproductive health of the people in rural and mountainous areas. In addition, my heartfelt thanks go to the government and many stakeholders who have offered us positive support and assistance.

Along with socio-economic progress, people's demand for SRH is growing day by day and SDGs of the international community also call for realizing universal coverage of reproductive health services in coming years.

In 2020, greeting the 30th anniversary of foundation, I believe that all volunteers and staff will surely achieve greater progress in improving the quality of people's life and in promoting and protecting their reproductive health.

Finally, I'd like to express my thanks to IPPF for the constant assistance and support for the activities of the Association to accomplish the common mission and vision in the middle of the global politico-economic difficulties.

Prof. Dr. Ko Kwang Jin
President

Report by Executive Director



Looking back upon the pride-filled year of 2019 in which we forced our way through challenges and hardships with a deep sense of duty in mind, I'd like to express my deep gratitude to every volunteer and staff of KFP&MCHA for their strenuous labor for people's reproductive health development. A remarkable achievement made in 2019 is that it substantially contributed to raising public awareness about reproductive health and bringing about changes in people's attitude and practices by taking part in the development of National IEC/BCC strategy for Reproductive health 2019-2021. And the IEC activities widely conducted in project areas through mass media and in various ways increased the number of people positively informed about reproductive health to 1.21 million in total. The Association, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), provided over 98,000 modern family planning (FP) services through 240 Ri clinics. One of our noticeable success is the establishment and opening of Phyongsong Training Center which laid the basis of Social Enterprise.

In addition, we focused on providing youth-friendly service environments and renovating infrastructures at several FP clinics to increase the number of services by 2.36% against 2018 and significantly contributed to satisfying the raised reproductive health demand of people.

All these outcome witnessed in the year are not imaginable apart from the support of the government, which prioritizes the health and well-being of people and spares nothing for them. On behalf of the Secretariat, I wish to convey my thanks to the government and many related players for their constant help.

The 3rd phase accreditation review of IPPF in June 2019 was an occasion which clearly demonstrated that the Association fulfils its activities in

conformity with its mission and the vision of IPPF.

In 2019, IPPF adopted innovative reform plan related with governance structure and resource allocation system to set up a new Member Association (MA)-centric approach keeping with the developing situation.

I hope IPPF will make a great advance in ensuring gender equality and championing people's SRH around the world, and I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the help of IPPF for realization of the common vision and mission.

We are faced with an important task to improve the reproductive health service delivery so as to make a tangible contribution to raising the quality of people's life based on the experience and lessons gained in the IPPF 3rd phase accreditation review.

I am confident that, in 2020 that marks the 30th anniversary of the Association's foundation, everyone will try their utmost and make a new upsurge and progress in the activities to improve people's reproductive health and well-being.

Dr. So Hyon Chol
Executive Director

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Advocacy



In Close Relation with Government Officials



The National IEC/BCC Strategy for Reproductive health 2019-2021 was formulated in 2019 under the auspices of MoPH. Dr. Choe Song Il, Programme Director, who was involved in the taskforce on behalf of the Association, contributed to working out the strategy by providing valuable information highlighting the importance of IEC and the necessity for considering the characteristics of its targets to increase contraceptive prevalence rate.

Besides, Ms. Kim Kyong Hye, a board member, with Dr. So Hyon Chol, Executive Director, attended the workshop on "World Population Day" and the "International Conference on Population and Development @ 25 commemoration seminar" held in Pyongyang respectively on July 11 and October 28.

They met officials from such government agencies as MoPH and the Central Bureau of Statistics to explain the programmes of the Association and discuss practical issues for continued cooperation.



Putting Emphasis on Relations with Youth

To train youth to be mentally sound and physically fit is a matter of vital importance for the future of nations. Starting from this point of view, the staff of the Association widely contacted the youth organizations in the target areas.

They held interviews with the personnel of youth organizations in Pyongyang twice in May and June to explain about the significance of reproductive health and ask for their collaboration.

As a result, they agreed to include reproductive health-related issues in the programme of Youth Day celebrations to be sponsored by the youth organizations in the target areas. Accordingly, a variety of events like lectures, photo exhibitions, forums for sharing experiences and quiz shows had taken place on the theme of "Master of future" for a total of about 3,500 youth, hosted by 4 youth organizations on August 28.

Lively activities conducted at the same time in all target areas raised public awareness of the significance of youth reproductive health and further aroused the interest about the MA's work among youth.



Engaging Women



Women, who are directly concerned with reproductive health, were also actively involved in the affairs related with it.

On the commemorative day of promulgation of the "Law on Sex Equality", workshop and photo exhibition were sponsored by the Association on the theme of "Reproductive Health and Social Status of Women" at the Hyangsan County Hall of Culture in North Phyongan Province. Present there were 32 people from women's organizations in North Phyongan Province including Hyangsan County, North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Medical Association of Korea, publication and media agencies in the province, etc. as well as staff of the Association.

Progress made in 25 years since the establishment of the Hyangsan FP clinic was introduced, followed by speeches of related officials. In the workshop and photo exhibition, participants were impressed by project implementation for reproductive health and expressed their intention to positively cooperate in making this work as the one for women themselves.

Functions were also held in Kangwon and North Hwanghae provinces on the same day.



2019



Information Education Communication

IEC on Reproductive Health by Household Doctors

Based on the health education system in the country, household doctors are carrying on IEC for health as well as preventive and therapeutic work for the population in charge.

In order to disseminate reproductive health knowledge among population, staff in the Head Office met the personnel from Health Education Institute(HEI) and discussed on adding reproductive health issues in the IEC materials, offered the reproductive health-related information for IEC.

Consequently, reproductive health issues such as modern FP methods, pre- and post-natal care, and STIs were included in the IEC materials, and 25,000 people received the reproductive health information from the household doctors in the year.



number of persons received
SRH information
through IEC materials

**25,000 PERSONS
IN THE YEAR**

Capacity Building of Youth Volunteers



Youth Volunteer



increased by
15%



In 2019, the number of youth volunteers increased by about 15% compared to the previous year. Success cannot be expected in IEC for youth without building the capacity of newly enrolled volunteers, since the basis of IEC for youth is peer education. Therefore, trainings were arranged for it and they dealt with the characteristics and contents of IEC for youth, news about youth activities in IPPF, etc. It provided an opportunity to raise the IEC capacity of peer educators.



IEC based on Book Booths

Book booths are drawing more and more attention of youth. In the past four years since IEC activities through booths were launched, the number of youth who received reproductive health information there far exceeded 20,000. It is thanks to the efforts of volunteers that those booths became intimate friends of youth.



Volunteers in Pyongyang who initiated this activity have not merely displayed the reference books in the booths but also explained plainly about reproductive health to youth on the booths, and these days they provide video-based IEC to attract more interest from youth. This pilot method initiated by the volunteers in Pyongyang is widely generalized to all project areas of the Association.

IEC through Mass Media

Strengthened IEC based on mass media is required to provide reproductive health information to more people. To this end, the Association forged collaborative ties with the Provincial Daily and Broadcasting Committee of Ryanggang province in early March 2019.

Actually, relations with mass media agencies were opened up in all project areas. Based on these results, reproductive health information were disseminated to 620,000 people in the year.



**DISSEMINATION OF
SRH INFORMATION**



620,000 persons



Service Delivery



Focusing on Improving the Environment for Service Delivery and Counseling

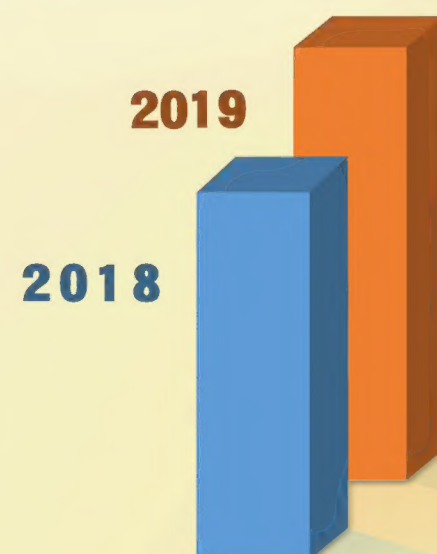


FP clinics and outreach service teams provided the clients with quality comprehensive reproductive health services including integrated package of essential service.

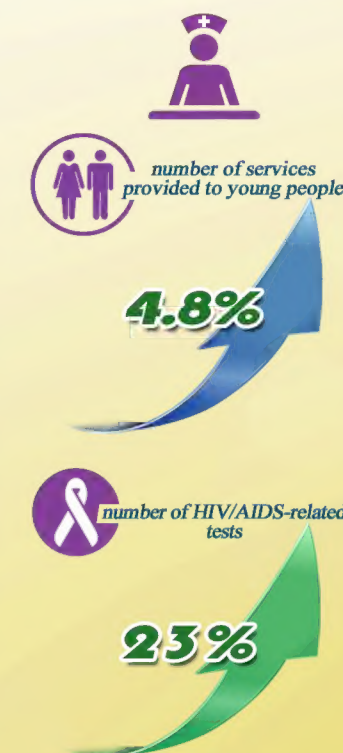
Energies were directed into creating a youth-friendly service environment and improving the infrastructures of FP clinics in 2019.

Maengsan FP clinic was selected as a youth-friendly service model and a field trip to this clinic was organized in August for its generalization throughout all service delivery points(SDPs). Maengsan FP clinic furnished the youth service room to suit the psychological characteristics of youth and put its operation on a normal footing so as to enable them to visit whenever they want. The clinic tries hard to better meet their demands in running the service room.

Thongchon FP clinic renewed the environment for service delivery to accommodate the clients in reception area, counseling room and lab, thereby improving the quality of care and ensuring the rights of clients at a higher level.



total number of services provided: 355,081
2.21%



Attentions were also paid to IEC to encourage voluntary counseling and tests(VCT) for HIV/AIDS as well as to enhance the counseling skill of service providers.

SDPs were galvanized to widely use new multimedia materials showing the risks of HIV/AIDS, their transmission routes and test methods for education in waiting areas. And a demonstration was held in the Unnyul FP clinic to help service providers increase their counseling skill. All these endeavors increased the number of services for youth by 4.8% against 2018 and that of VCT by 23%, thereby bringing the total number of services to 355,081, by rise of 2.21%.

Elevating the Qualifications of Service Providers



Emphasis have constantly been put to the training of service providers, viewing their qualifications as a significant factor in improving the quality of care.

Trainings on logistics management and service statistics were provided twice respectively for SDPs. 7 service providers of the Association attended reorientation training hosted by MoPH.

Successive natural disasters caused by climate change and consequent damages urgently demand the capacity building to cope with them.



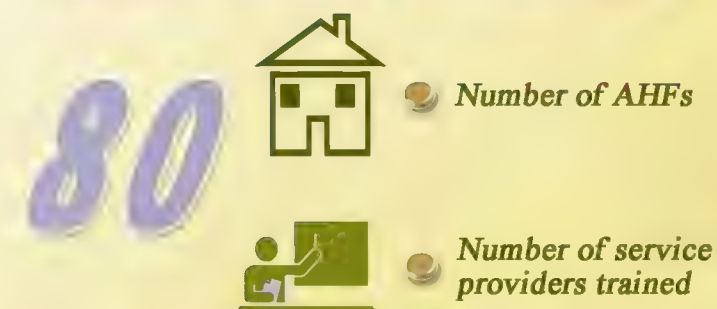
Twenty-five staff and volunteers attended the training on Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) held in Unnyul in March 2019 and were informed about the reproductive health-related issues in emergency settings and responses to them.

In 2019, 128 service providers attended the trainings in six batches, making a contribution to enhancing the capacity of service delivery and management.

Collaborating with Government Health Facilities



Service delivery through Associated Health Facilities (AHFs), in close ties with MoPH, helped reproductive health development for the people living in rural and mountain areas in 2019 as well. Staff from Head Office conducted refresher trainings on FP service delivery in four batches for 80 service providers from Ri clinics selected as AHFs in North Phyongan, Kangwon and North Hwanghae provinces between 4 and 18 February 2019. The refresher trainings covered technical and practical issues concerning modern FP service delivery and issues relating to quality of care and recording and reporting of service statistics data. Awareness rate of participants was 95.3% in post training test.



In 2019, 98,000 of modern FP services were provided to about 20,000 clients in 240 AHFs. Services provided through AHFs are winning high reputation among residents and government officials for their help in meeting people's reproductive health demands.

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Governance & Management



Governing Body Meetings

The 30th Annual General Meeting(AGM) of KFP&MCHA was held in Pyongyang between 24 and 25 April 2019.

President Ko Kwang Jin debriefed the agenda and other important issues discussed in Executive Council(EC) meetings in July, November 2018 and March 2019. The Executive Director and youth representative Ms. Sung Tae Ok delivered the performance reports for 2018. And work plan for 2019 was presented by the Executive Director.



It highlighted the issue of relocating two FP clinics from urban to rural and mountainous areas.

Mr. Hwang Ju Yong, Treasurer, gave the financial report 2018 and submitted the audit report, management letter and financial statements 2018 for review. The AGM deliberated the draft financial statements 2018 and adopted it. The Treasurer presented the Annual Programme and Budget for 2019 and accepted the opinions from the participants.

The AGM also adopted new policies related to security, code of conduct and respect at work.

In March and July, EC approved quarterly financial reports, Half Year Report submitted by the Secretariat. In the EC meeting held in October, nomination was made of representatives to IPPF Extraordinary General Assembly. The EC meeting also deliberated and decided to submit to AGM for final approval the policies, regulations and financial guidelines, which were revised according to the recommendations based on the 3rd phase accreditation review and presented by the Secretariat.

3rd phase Accreditation of IPPF



From 11 to 13 June 2019, four members including a volunteer and staff from IPPF Central Office and ESEAOR Regional Office made the 3rd phase accreditation review for IPPF membership of KFP&MCHA. In the light of 10 principles for accreditation, the review team members checked whether the Association acted on its responsibilities and duties as IPPF member association(MA) and worked in pursuance of IPPF strategy,

regulations and work procedures. They paid field visits to FP clinics and outreach service teams.

They also met the President and other governing body members of the Association and had talks with officials from MoPH, women's and youth organizations, "The Pyongyang Times" and the Representative of the UNFPA Country Office. The findings of the accreditation review showed that 40 out of 48 IPPF membership standards were compliant, and follow-up recommendations were made regarding the 8 non-compliant items. On 1 November 2019, two staff from Regional Office(RO) visited the Association for technical assistance related to the issues raised in the in-country accreditation review. They took stock of the post-accreditation measures that the Association was taking and rendered necessary aid.



ESEAOR Regional Council Meeting



An ESEAOR Regional Council(RC) meeting was held on 6 and 7 July 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. More than 40 RC members and eight youth representatives attended the meeting. Executive Directors from MAs as well as the staff of the Regional Office were present as observers.

Prof. Paul Yip, Acting Chairperson of RC, made opening remarks. Addresses from Ms. Tomoko Fukuda, newly designated Regional Director, and Dr. Alvaro Bermejo, Director General of IPPF, were followed by the briefings on the history of IPPF governance structure and the methodology of its reform by Steven Sinding, Ex-Director General and Chairman of the Reform Commission.

The Acting Chairperson of RC gave a report and the Regional Treasurer informed the participants of the financial situation. After the speech by a Regional Youth Representative, information was given about the results of accreditation in ESEAOR MAs.

Meeting ended with the presentation of experiences gained in MAs.

The presentation given by KFP&MCHA on the works of AHFs drew attention of the participants.



Mid-term Review of Strategic Plan Implementation



2019 was in the mid-term of implementing the strategic plan 2016-2022. KFP&MCHA took part in the mid-term survey performed across IPPF. The Association reviewed the progress of project activities as against the indicators for the strategic plan to respond to the survey questionnaire from IPPF.

IPPF Reform



Hosted by the Independent Governance Review Commission and the Independent Commission on Resource Allocation, survey and webinar were held for IPPF reform for six months between May and October 2019. The two Reform Commissions presented a new governance structure and resource allocation system and conducted the survey.

On behalf of IPPF Governing Council, Regional Councils, Regional Executive Committees and Member Associations, 199 respondents attended the survey.

Senior Management Team of KFP&MCHA responded to the survey on two occasions.

From November 28 to December 1, an Extraordinary General Assembly was held in Delhi, India.

The reform plan for MA-centric federation was approved by the absolute majority of participants at the meeting.

Social Enterprise(SE) Activity



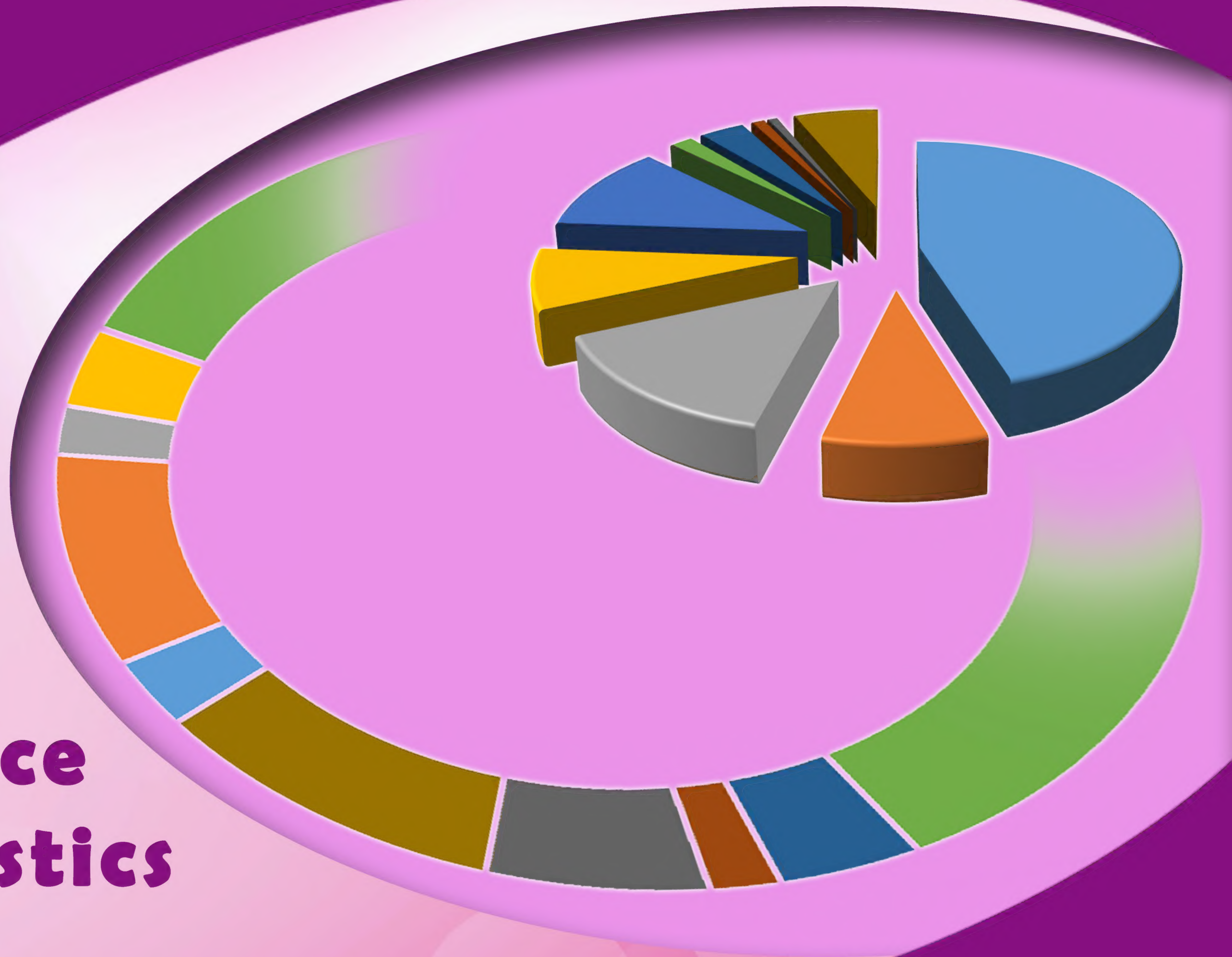
As part of SE, Phyongsong Training Center was established and opened.

Under the support of RO, extension of building was started in July 2019 and finished by October to begin its operation in November.

The newly furnished training center has a total floor space of 1,050m², equipped with a meeting room, lodging and other service facilities to accommodate about 30 persons. The training center will be able to accommodate meetings, trainings, workshops, etc. Any income from it will be used to procure medical supplies needed for technical assistance and service delivery in AHFs.



Service Statistics



FP Services

Service Items	Services provided/enabled			Total
	FP Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	Associated Health Facilities	
FP General Counseling	40,676	37,703	55,571	133,950
IUD	15,042	10,610		25,652
Oral Contraceptive Pills	14,901	9,761	18,133	42,795
Male Condom	6,747	9,492	6,968	23,207
Injectables	6,722	10,078	16,398	33,198
Implant	480			480
Emergency Contraceptives	124	118	720	962
Female Sterilization	272			272
Male Sterilization	204			204
FAB method	1,434	808	580	2,822
Total	86,602	78,570	98,370	263,542

Non FP Services

Service Items	Services provided		Total
	FP Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	
Abortion	5,761		5,761
Obstetrics	10,525	7,970	18,495
Urology	2,423	1,975	4,398
Pediatrics	4,330	2,733	7,063
HIV/AIDS	118	158	276
Gynecology	57,684	53,369	111,053
STIs/RTIs	4,922	2,323	7,245
Subfertility	2,259	1,345	3,604
Specialized SRH	7,048	4,574	11,622
Non-SRH	10,650	9,742	20,392
Total	105,720	84,189	189,909

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